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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Minutes of the Meeting Held on 11 December 1958
Room 1121 M Building, Central Intelligence Agency

Meeting convened at 1000 hours.

There were present:

	Mr. Earl W. Cox	Army, Chairman
	Mr. Lawrence E. Brice, Jr.	Navy
	ICDR Herman L. Garren, Jr.	Navy
	Mr. William F. Farrell	Army
	Mr. Ralph H. Foley	Army
	Lt. Col. G. R. Evans, USA	Joint Staff
	Mr. H. Frank McCaffrey	OSD
	Dr. Gifford P. Orwen	Air Force
	Mr. Clyde Perry	Army
	Dr. Gustav Pollaczek	State
	Mr. Harold L. Smith	Army
	Mr. William T. Staats	Air Force
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	Mr. Wayne T. Toivonen	Army
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		CIA, Secretary

Proposal by Navy Member

1. Information: ICDR Garren expressed concern that the Subcommittee did not have a current work program on Sino-Soviet Bloc Merchant Shipping. He said that the Navy was concerned about the growth of the Sino-Soviet Bloc Merchant Marine and its potential for further expansion through building and purchases from the West now that the COMCOM controls on the sale of ships to the Sino-Soviet Bloc have been relaxed. He asked that the article attached as an annex, hereto, be circulated to the membership. The research job to be done on the Sino-Soviet Bloc Merchant Marine is beyond the personnel capability of any one agency in the community. Commander Garren proposed that consideration be given to a joint research effort in the field of merchant shipping and proposed further that consideration be given to the production of the following type studies.

a. A definitive survey of the Sino-Soviet Bloc Merchant Marine and its implications with respect to the strength of the Sino-Soviet Bloc and threat to the Free World.

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b. Complete reactivation of the joint studies in the EIC R1 Series, Communist China's Trade and Transportation.

c. A survey of merchant shipping trade route densities by area in the World's oceans and by season of the year.

The Secretary pointed out that the Subcommittee has not formally surveyed the status of research in the field of merchant shipping for a number of years, and that it would be appropriate for the Subcommittee to prepare an evaluation of the status of research in this field to identify the research deficiencies that exist, and to make recommendations to the EIC for their elimination. Other members also expressed interest in this field.

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2. Action: The Chairman appointed Commander Garren, [REDACTED] and Mr. Staats as a committee to consider the Navy proposal and to make recommendations to the Subcommittee. This group was urged to take immediate action on this matter.

Report of the Working Group Chairmen

3. Information: Mr. Farrell, Chairman of the Transportation Capabilities Estimates Group (TCEG) reported that no progress had been made on revising the methodology for the computation of railroad capability. He expects to convene a group for this purpose, however, the second week in January. It is proposed that this group not only revise the present methodology, but also brief it down in the manner in which [REDACTED] recently briefed down the highway capability paper. He announced further that the TCEG now had the task of revising the highway capability estimates [REDACTED] in accordance with the methodology agreed between Army and [REDACTED]

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Discussion of Status of Proposed Exchanges with the USSR and Poland in the Field of Transportation

4. Information: Mr. Perry reported that arrangements were being made to send a three-man team from the Bureau of Public Roads to Poland next summer as the US part of the US-Polish Highway Exchange. While the scope of the visit to Poland will be reduced considerably in terms of the proposal by the TSC for such a visit, the Transportation Corps and the Corps of Engineers concluded, nevertheless, that it would be sufficiently worth while to warrant their paying the expenses of two men of the team. State will pay the expenses of the third man. It is understood also that the East-West Contacts Staff of State is trying to get a decision from the USSR as to whether USSR highway personnel will attend the January 1959 meeting of the Highway Research Board. There is nothing further to report on the status of the proposed exchange with the USSR in the field of railroad transportation.

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Discussion of EIC Program on Priority Collection Deficiency Statements
(EIC-S-16/Series)

5. Information: The Secretary read a communication from the Executive Secretary of the Economic Intelligence Committee (EIC) submitting copies of CIA/ORR statements of priority gaps in intelligence on Inland Transportation in the European Satellites, Maritime Transportation in the European Satellites (excluding Poland), and Maritime Transportation in Poland, and requesting that the Subcommittee review these statements in accordance with procedures approved by the EIC on 30 October 1958.

6. Action: The Subcommittee decided to review the CIA/ORR statements of priority gaps in intelligence as indicated above, and will submit recommendations to the EIC at an early date.

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Discussion of Coordination of Railroad Transportation Within the Sino-Soviet Bloc - [REDACTED] CIA

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7. Information: [REDACTED] briefed the Subcommittee on the tentative findings of a study just completed on the above subject. These findings stimulated considerable comment and discussion. The Subcommittee expressed its appreciation to [REDACTED] for his presentation.

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